



Encouraging Environmental Excellence

in Communities

Ohio EPA's Encouraging Environmental Excellence in Communities (E3C) Program recognizes exceptional achievements in environmental stewardship and sustainable development. Any local government of Ohio can be recognized for its initiatives in environmental, social, and economic sustainability.



E3C applications are evaluated according to their impact on economic, social, and environmental sustainability categories. Examples of applicable activities are listed on the back.

Economic Sustainability

- Sponsor a “buy local” program to support small and local businesses
 - Host or sponsor a community farmers market
 - Source renewable or clean energy from local or regional sources
 - Implement a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing or similar program to support community energy efficiency and renewable projects (for commercial or residential)
 - Implement an internal revolving fund, or similar financing tool, for community environmental projects
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Social Sustainability

- Provide outreach or education campaigns regarding environmental issues and sustainable practices
 - Implement a program to encourage a reduction in environmental footprint at community facilities
 - Publish a community environmental progress report
 - Maintain space for community gardening projects
 - Create program(s) to reduce the number of single-occupancy vehicles and support sustainable transportation
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Environmental Sustainability

- Implement a climate action or adaptation plan
- Convert traditional fleet vehicle(s) to alternative fuel or electric
- Develop community composting program; offer curbside collection or drop-off locations
- Host hazardous waste collection opportunities for hard to recycle materials
- Implement energy efficiency upgrades in community facilities and public spaces